

Capsule Summary

Survey No.: BA-2878

Name/Address: BGE MT. Washington Substation, west of Falls Road
Construction Date: 1948
Town/Vicinity: Bare Hills
County: Baltimore County
Access: Private

Summary Description:

The BGE Mt. Washington Substation is a transfer point for electricity generated outside of the city. The main building of the substation that houses the controls was built in 1948 in a modest Colonial Revival style. The one-story, five-bay-wide masonry structure is constructed of concrete block and brick laid in a modified five course American bond (bonding course consists of alternating stretchers and headers). The structure is built atop a concrete slab. The side-gable roof is clad in slate. The central single-leaf, half-glass, wood door is surmounted by a three-light transom. A soldier course of brick is used above openings. The south end of the structure incorporates a narrow attached garage. The garage windows have been bricked in and the garage is used as storage. Originally manned around the clock, the substation has since been automated. Private spaces and a bathroom share the interior with the control room.

Statement of Significance:

The Mount Washington Substation of BGE is a typical modest Colonial Revival-style structure built to house the controls of the power substation. The design of the building is not significant, nor are there significant events or people known to have been associated with this building, therefore the BGE Mount Washington Substation does not appear to satisfy the criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☒ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic BGE Mount Washington Substation

and/or common

2. Location

street & number west side, Falls Road, north of the light rail tracks

☐ not for publication

city, town Baltimore

☐ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland

county Baltimore

3. Classification

Category

- ☐ district
☒ building(s)
☐ structure
☐ site
☐ object

Ownership

- ☐ public
☒ private
☐ both

Public Acquisition

- ☐ in process
☐ being considered
☒ not applicable

Status

- ☒ occupied
☐ unoccupied
☐ work in progress

Accessible

- ☒ yes: restricted
☐ yes: unrestricted
☐ no

Present Use

- ☐ agriculture
☐ commercial
☐ educational
☐ entertainment
☐ government
☐ industrial
☐ military

- ☐ museum
☐ park
☐ private residence
☐ religious
☐ scientific
☐ transportation
☒ other: substation

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Baltimore Gas & Electric

street & number Tax Accounting Unit, P.O. Box 1475

telephone no.:

city, town Baltimore

State and zip code MD 21203-1475

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Maryland Department of Real Estate and Taxation

liber 1399

street & number accessed online at <[http:// www.DAT.state.md.us](http://www.DAT.state.md.us)>

folio 568

city, town

state

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Cultural Resources Investigations for Proposed Construction of Double Track, North Half, Central Light Rail, Baltimore & Baltimore Co., MD

date 1999

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

city, town Crownsville

state MD

7. Description

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Condition

- ☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

- ☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

- ☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

- ☒ original site
☐ moved date of move

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Summary

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General Description

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance-	Check and justify below	
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1999	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention	

Specific dates: 1948

Builder/Architect: unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐A ☐B ☐C ☐D
 and/or
 Applicable Exception: ☐A ☐B ☐C ☐D ☐E ☐F ☐G
 Level of Significance: ☐national ☐state ☐local

Statement of Significance

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History

Baltimore Gas & Electric Company was founded in 1816 as Baltimore Gas, cited by BGE as the nation's first gas utility. Electric service was started in the late nineteenth century. The privately held utility is supplied by fossil fuel and nuclear powered plants. BGE operates ten electric generating plants in Maryland and Pennsylvania. Baltimore and Baltimore County's continued growth in the twentieth century created the need for additional power handling facilities. The BGE Mount Washington Substation was built in 1948 to handle power generated west of the substation and distribute it within the vicinity of the substation. The building was probably designed in-house, rather than BGE contracting an architect to supply a design.

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Eligibility recommended _____

Eligibility not recommended _____

Criteria: ☐A ☐B ☐C ☐D

Considerations: ☐A ☐B ☐C ☐D ☐E ☐F ☐G ☐None

Comments: _____

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Date

Reviewer, NR Program

Date

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Informal interviews with the substation employees and calls to the BGE information line yielded the date of construction and other information specific to this building. Additional information about BGE can be found on the world wide web at <<http://www.BGE.com>>.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property: 11.06 acre

Quadrangle name Cockeysville 7.5'

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM Reference do NOT complete UTM references

zone easting northing

Verbal boundary description and justification

Boundaries correspond to the legal parcel associated with the building. Map 79, Grid 3, Parcel 312

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032

**PRESERVATION VISION 2000; THE MARYLAND PLAN
STATEWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXTS**

I. Geographic Region:

- ☐ Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
☐ Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
☒ Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
☐ Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- ☐ Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
☐ Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
☐ Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
☒ Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
☐ Unknown Period (☐ prehistoric; ☐ historic)

III. Historic Period Themes:

- ☐ Agriculture
☐ Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
☐ Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
☐ Government/Law
☐ Military
☐ Religion
☐ Social/Educational/Cultural
☐ Transportation

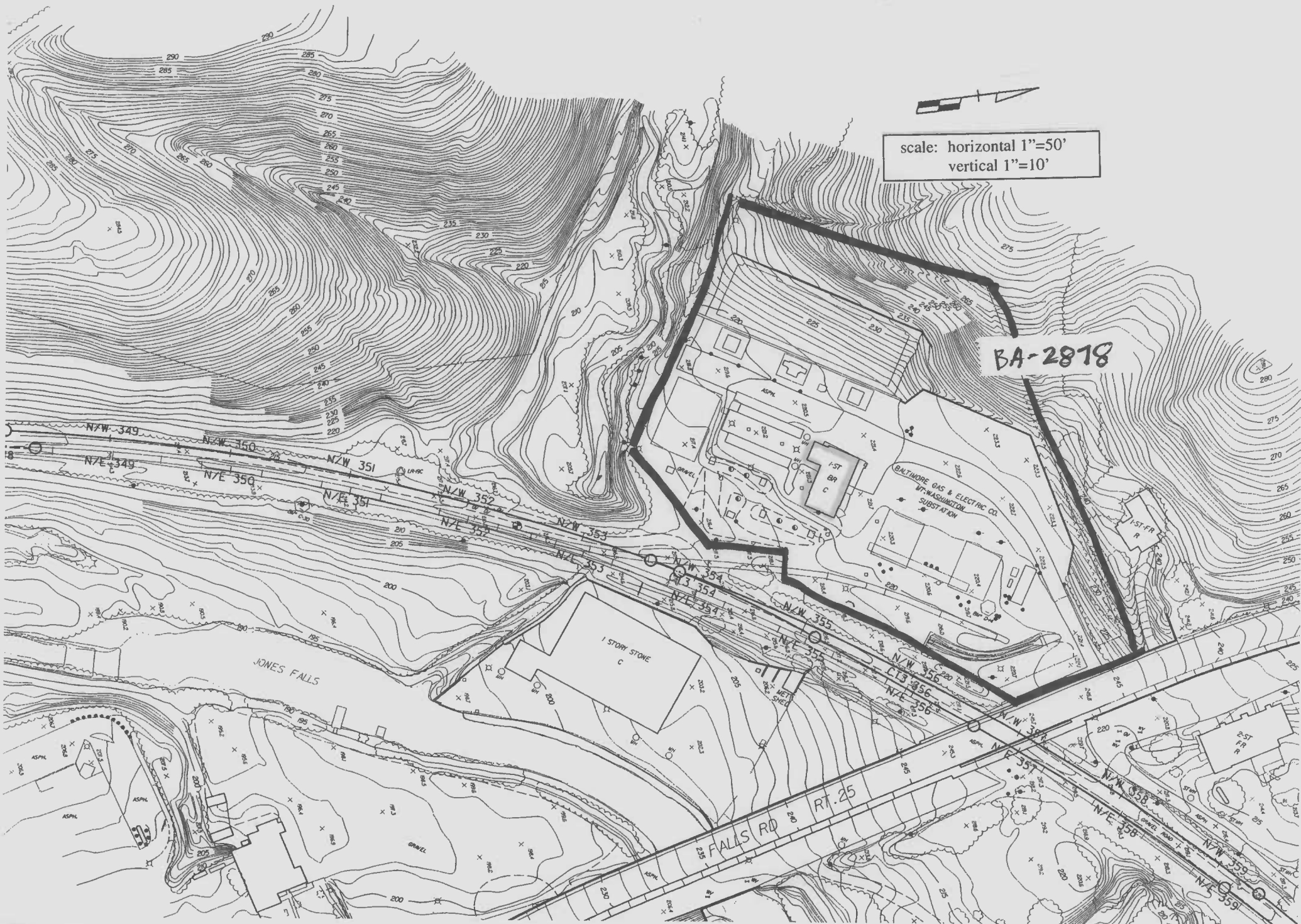
IV. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Village/Urban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): OTHER: private energy facility; electricity substation

Known Design Source: Baltimore Gas & Electric



scale: horizontal 1"=50'
vertical 1"=10'

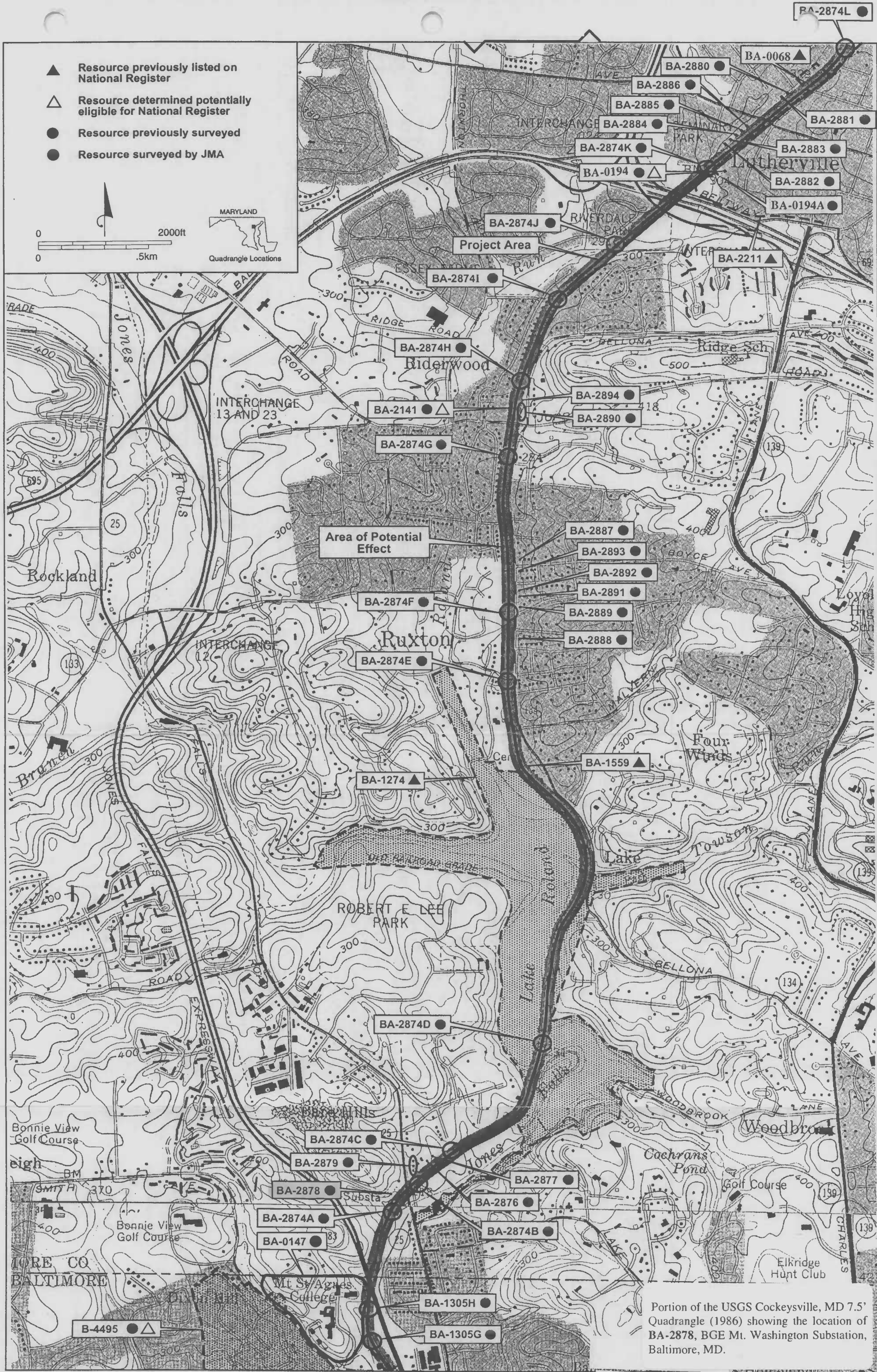
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BALTIMORE GAS & ELECTRIC CO.
MT-WASHINGTON
SUBSTATION

1 STORY STONE
C

FALLS RD RT. 25

JONES FALLS



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BALTIMORE CO., MD

K. CULHANE

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VIEW TO SW FACADE (E) AND N ELEVATIONS



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